

From: [Cron, Catarina \(County Judge's Office\)](#)
To: [Patel, Snehal \(CAO\)](#); [Obey, Rita \(PHES\)](#); [Donn Walters/R6/USEPA/US@EPA](#); [Seegers, Mark \(Commissioner Precinct 2\)](#)
Subject: RE: Request for a statement on San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund from Texans Together
Date: 06/03/2010 02:12 PM

I'd like to visit with this group before we (my office) signs off on anything.

From: Patel, Snehal (CAO)
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 2:07 PM
To: Obey, Rita (PHES); 'walters.donn@epa.gov'; Seegers, Mark (Commissioner Precinct 2); Cron, Catarina (County Judge's Office)
Subject: RE: Request for a statement on San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund from Texans Together

Also to let you know, their founder Fred West came and visited with Terry and me yesterday. Fred said that the proposal Estaban wrote up for the survey was still under works and he needed to approve it. Fred said he would share it with us for ideas. As you and I had previously discussed, I told Fred that we would like to assist with questions they come up plus locations on areas to surveys. I was going to have this as an agenda item for next week and solicit comments from the committee. I have also provided him with background information.

I will also contact Fred and check in with him so we are all coordinating.

Thanks,
Snehal

From: Obey, Rita (PHES)
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 1:58 PM
To: 'walters.donn@epa.gov'; Patel, Snehal (CAO); Seegers, Mark (Commissioner Precinct 2); Cron, Catarina (County Judge's Office)
Subject: Request for a statement on San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund from Texans Together
Importance: High

Hello all,

[Texans Together](#) is the community organization that Kristi referred to me that I was going to talk about at the last meeting but had to miss. They have received a grant to provide outreach activities to inform residents about the San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund. As a result, they are planning on going door-to-door to four bays south of Highlands to asking them questions from a survey. They will be conducting the survey during the month of June and have offered to share their results with us. When they have compiled their results they plan on holding a public meeting in the area with the objective of providing additional information regarding activities related to the Superfund. Mr. Tovar also mentioned that they are partnering with [Texas Environmental Justice Advocacy Services](#) (TEJAS).

Understanding that this is an EPA project, please let me know if you would like to submit a statement for the release and if you are aware of any English/Spanish documents that you would like them to provide to the community.

Rita Obey
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From: Esteban Tovar [mailto:usftsw@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 10:53 AM
To: Obey, Rita (PHES)
Subject: Re: Houston Food Bank

Hello Rita,

I was wondering if you had a press quote on behalf of the county about the San Jacinto Waste Pits site? We are going to issue a press release on the fact that we will be canvassing the area and conducting outreach to local residents around the site. Also do you know if any info is available that we could leave behind? If not we could make something.

thank you

-esteban

On Fri, May 21, 2010 at 10:12 AM, Obey, Rita (PHES) <robey@hcpbes.org> wrote:
<http://www.houstonfoodbank.org/programs.aspx>

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